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1801-1850

49-1 E. Montgomery St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

The houses along the south side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. include some of the earliest Federal style, two and a half story brick houses built in the area. 1, 3, and 9 E. Montgomery St. are all three bays wide and were built before 1805. The other two and a half story houses on the street are two bays wide and were built between 1809 and 1825. These include 11 E. Montgomery St. and the pairs of houses at 5-7, 17-19, 25-27, and 29-31 E. Montgomery St. 13 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house built in the late 1840's, as was its neighbor, 15 E. Montgomery St., which, however, has since been remodeled and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 21-23 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide "half houses" with front gable roofs and two story high rear additions. 33-35 E. Montgomery St. are unusual three and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs and dormer windows that run the full length of the roof. The houses are the only survivors of an original group of five such houses built in the late 1840's between 33 and 41 E. Montgomery St. 47-49 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice which are either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses on the site.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

33-35 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒OTHER restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of unusual 3 1/2 story brick houses with gable roof, the extra 1/2 story set back some distance from the plane of the facade, are the only survivors of a row of five such houses built along this side of Montgomery St. in the 1850's. The narrow, three story extensions to the rear seems to have been built contemporaneously with the main structures.

The 3 1/2 story houses are 14' wide, and extend back on their lots about 50'. They are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof is flanked by a pair of triple brick rectangular chimneys (originally hooded) on its eastern and western ends, and along the partition wall between the two houses. The chimney remaining along the eastern end is that which had belonged to 39 E. Montgomery St., now torn down. The wide chimneys are connected by a brick curtain wall, which forms the end walls of the set back fourth story. This story has its own gable roof, set at about the same angle as the main roof. The brick cornice is decorated with an alternately spaced row of headers, projecting beyond the facade. All of the window and door openings of the main floors have flat wood lintels and sills. There are no lintels on the fourth floor windows. No original sash remains and the openings are either boarded or filled with concrete block. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two wide stone steps. Square coal openings to the right of the steps are filled with concrete blocks.

As may be imagined from the exterior, the floor plan of 33-35 E. Montgomery St. is quite spacious. The first floor of the main structure is divided into a double parlor, with wide, central connecting doors and twin fireplaces. On the second and third floors the main part of the house is similarly divided into a front and back room, each with fireplace. The set-back fourth floor contains a single large room, lighted by two windows facing front and two facing back. The stairs are located in a passage between the main house and the narrower rear extension. They wind up to the second floor in a tight curve but are fairly wide. A door opens from the alleyway directly into this stair hall, thus providing access to the rear wing and the upper floors without having to pass through the main house.

The rear wings are unusually designed with a rounded section of wall connecting the stair area to the wider rest of the rear extension. The wings are 9' wide and each is free-standing, with windows along its eastern side (on the first floor only) and a single chimney along its western side. The outside areaway between the wings of 33-35 E. Montgomery St. is currently roofed over at the first floor level. On the first floor the rear wing is divided into two rooms, each with two windows along its eastern wall, and a fireplace in the front room. On the second and third floors this space contains but a single, long, narrow room with fireplace and end window.

Quite a few of the interior details have survived intact, although no mantel pieces remain. The first floor front window extends from the ceiling to within 18" of the floor, where it rests on a paneled wooden dado. It is surrounded by a wide, deep molding. The windows of the rear extension have block-end lintels with round end medallions. The doors of the house have block-end lintels with plain corner block.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1847

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Owen Thomas

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are important for being the survivors of a group of six identical houses built by Owen Thomas, a baker who had lived in a 2 1/2 story house formerly on this site since 1820, with his bakery apparently set up on the Churchill St. side of the lot.¹ The houses are quite unusual for their 3 1/2 story design, with a broad dormer window added to a normal three story, gable-roofed house plan. Apart from this innovation the houses show the usual floor plan found in the larger type of three story, gable-roofed house designed for a middle class market, with a front and back parlor and the staircase located in a stair hall to the rear of the main house, with an outside entrance. The row stands out plainly in Sachse's 1858 Bird's Eye View of Baltimore.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1822, 1829, 1845

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

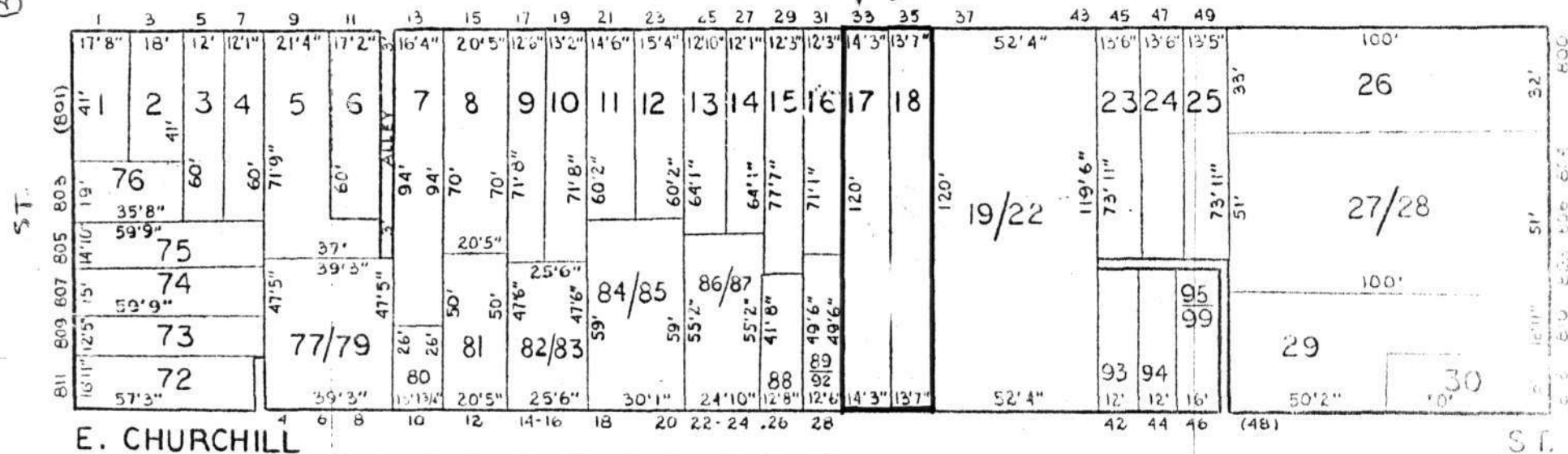
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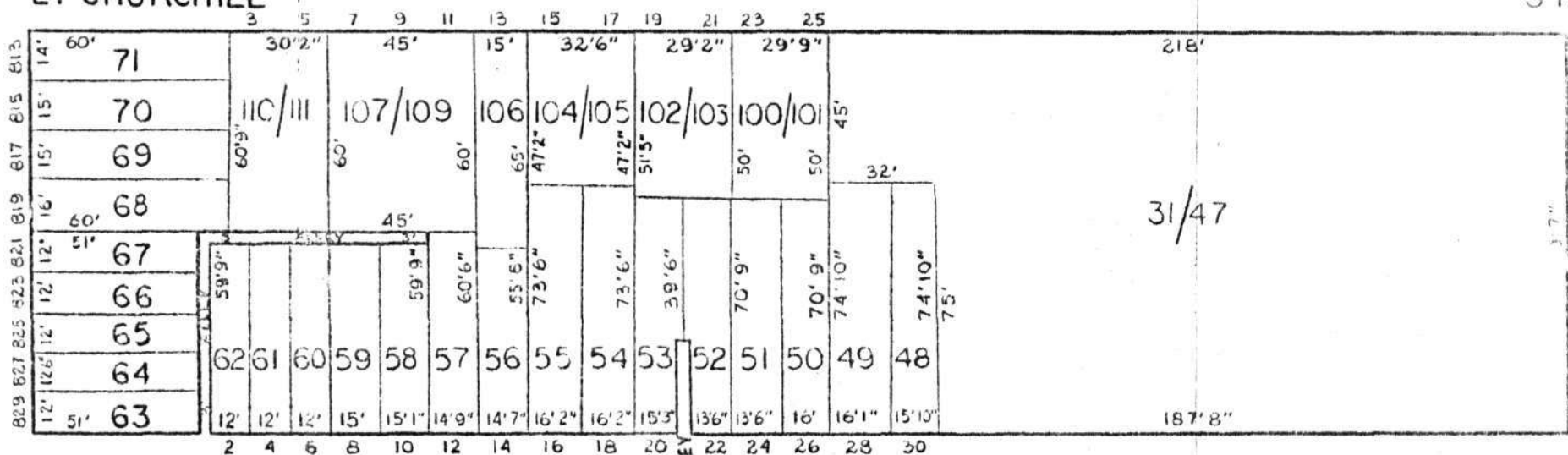
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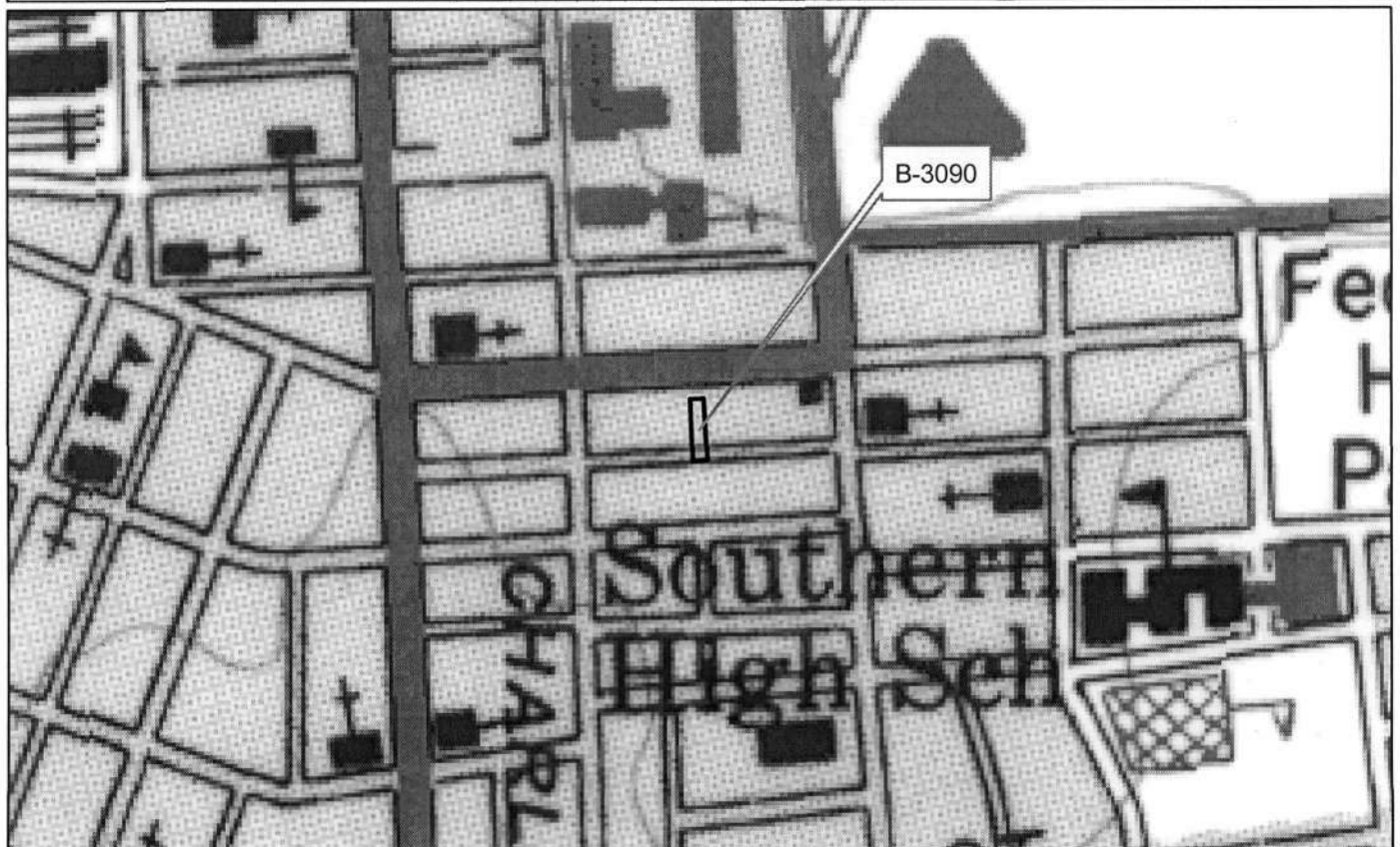
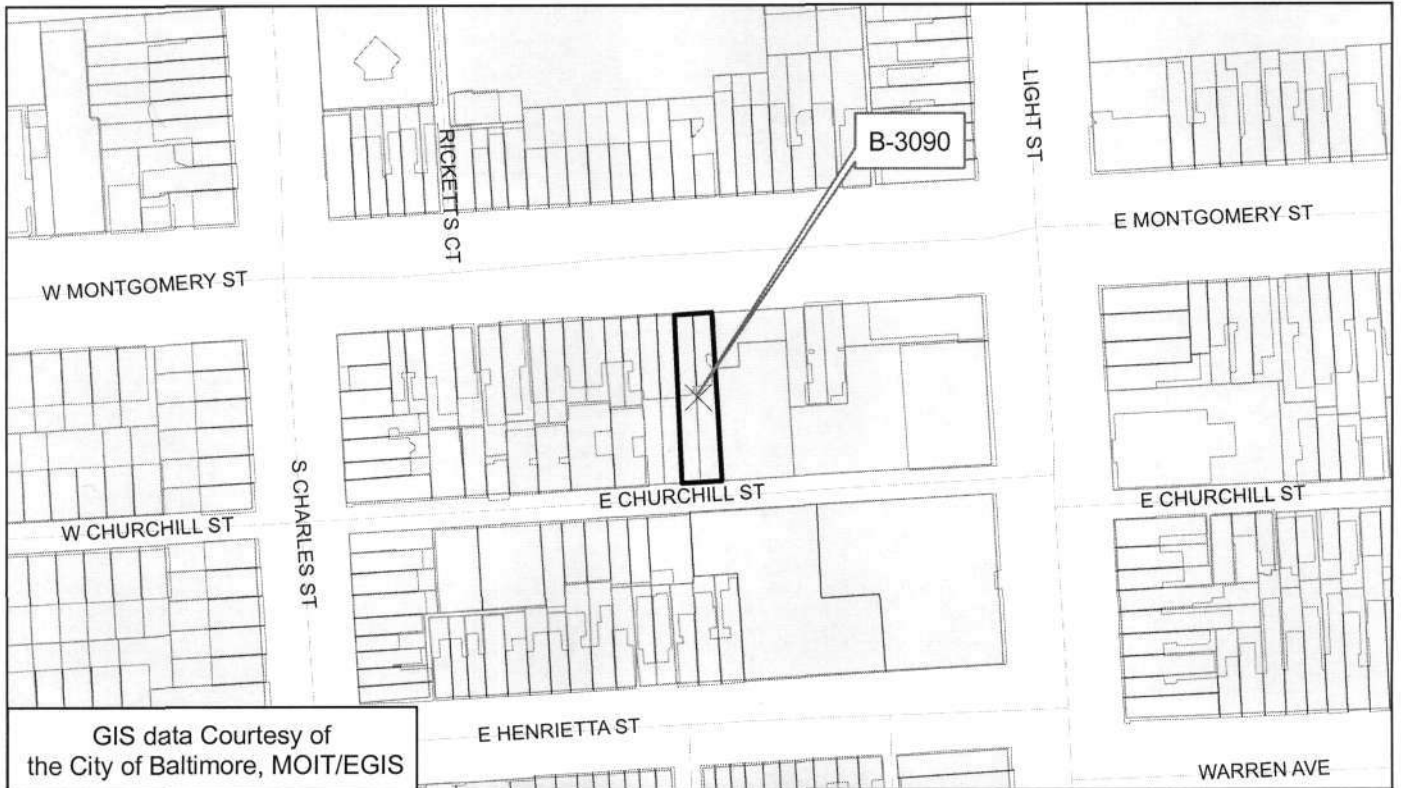


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North elevation